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HITCHCOCK DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF WOOD'S EXPENSES

Witness Refers Senate Investigators to Treasurers of Campaign--Gives Details of

His Own Connection. WASHINGTON, May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood's campaign managers, told a senate investigating committee today that so far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was \$15,000 in New Jersey. He added that the next largest was \$12,559 in Maryland.

Mr. Hitchcock said that in New York, "as in a number of other states," the Wood supporters "financed their own campaign in their own way" without

Before Mr. Hitchcock was called, the committee explained the purpose of the inquiry.

"There is no intention," he said, "to make any investigation of the candidates for the presidency in any party."

William Kane, Republican national committeeman in New Jersey, took charge of the Wood expenditure in Michigan.

"We are not going to inquire that all of the money used in the state was accounted for under the direct principle," Mr. Hitchcock said he could not give an answer as to campaign expenses.

"I am not sure when he joined the Wood organization that he was not a member," Mr. Hitchcock said.

Some individuals, he added, had sent money to him direct, but this, he said, was not the case.

Mr. Hitchcock said that in Michigan the Wood campaign was financed by the Wood organization, which is a national organization. Col. Fred Alger, of Detroit, he said, was the state chair.

Mr. Hitchcock identified himself as one of the managers of Gen.

"Who are the others?" Chairman Kenyon asked.

"William C. Proctor is the general manager," the witness responded, "while assistants in charge of various sections include Representative Norman Gould, of New York; Thomas C. Miller and Senator Moses, of New Hampshire."

"This committee would like to know the amount of money expended in your campaign," Chairman Kenyon continued. "Can you give us this?"

"No," Hittchcock answered, "but the treasurer of the campaign organizations have the figures," he said.

"What about the campaign's financial work, though after its connection with the campaign became known?"

"I don't know," Hittchcock answered by individuals amounting to not more than \$20,000 or \$25,000 I think. All of it was paid for by the donors."

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"All of the campaign contributions have been made through finance committees in each state. After their receipt they have been turned over to the Hon. H. H. Stobbs, in New York and Albert A. Sprague. All the expenditures have been made by check and all the receipts have been made by check."

"Then in addition the Leonard Wood League, which has 60,000 members and is a national organization, has made an independent fund collected in his

own way. I don't know about that as I have had no connection with it or its expenditure."

Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, wanted to know if Col. Alger was not a wealthy man and whether any other wealthy men were on the Wood organization roll in Michigan.

"He was the only one who would answer that description. I think," Mr.

In Delaware, Mr. Hitchcock said, nothing was given by the New York office. Senator Reed asked how much the New York state organization spent.

"I don't know," replied the witness. "That campaign was begun long before I entered. I was informed that less than \$10,000 was spent by the local organization. The great expenses were in the big primary fights, like Illinois, and Ohio. I had nothing to do with those, they were handled from Chicago. I did not favor making contests 'two states'."

Mr. Hitchcock said he had charge of the Maryland contest. His relation to the campaign generally, he said, was "supervisory."

Senator Reed said that with the Eastern and Western headquarters and the separate state organizations, the Wood campaign seemed to have a number of units.

Chairman Kenyon gave notice during Mr. Hitchcock's examination that he had summoned Horace C. Stebbins and Elbert A. Sprague, treasurers, respectively of the Wood headquarters at New York, and Chicago, to appear be-

"My function has been largely advisory, supervisory," Mr. Hitchcock replied. Mr. Hitchcock said he had had "something to do," with some of

Chairman Kenyon, inquiring regarding the Southern contests, asked if any had been "set up."

"I never 'set up' a contesting delegation," said the witness, adding that the North Carolina contest developed before he entered the campaign. The principal contest, he said, is from Georgia, where the state chairman, Ros-

"The Wood people have not made any other contest in the South," said Mr. Hitchcock, declaring that local contests between Republican factions favoring or opposing certain candidates had developed.

The total sent to Georgia was \$10,000, Mr. Hitchcock said. This was in two installments of \$5,000. The reason for this, he said, was because "the op-

Pressed regarding the organization of Southern contests, Mr. Hitchcock said:

Dr. Randolph J. Hersey, of West Virginia, representing Senator Sutherland, was the second witness.

Agnus McSweeney, Eastern manager for Senator Johnson, of California, told the committee that the total of contributions received for the senator's campaign was \$68,130. The largest, he said, was \$27,000 from R. B. Strausberger, of Norristown, Pa. William Flynn, of Pittsburgh, furnished \$7,500, the witness declared.

Other contributions listed by Mr. McSweeney included \$5,000 by Mayor Couzens, of Detroit; \$5,000 by J. L. Calvary, of Pittsburgh; \$2,000 by Ralph J. Bullowa, "and friends," of New York, and \$1,000 by J. S. Wilhoit, of New York.